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**Poverty Challenge:  
 See, Judge, Act**

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network, the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from: [www.csan.or.uk](http://www.csan.or.uk).

Fr Tony will be away Easter Monday to Friday, 18th-22nd April. Fr Paul Wilkinson will celebrate the 10am Masses at St George's on Tuesday and Thursday, and the 10am Mass on Friday at St Theresa's.

**Fr Alistair will be celebrating the funeral of Sheila Hooper on Tuesday 19th April, 11am, at St Theresa's. All welcome.**

There will be no Mass or Holy Hour on Wednesday 20th April.

Fr. Tony is going to South Wales to 'scout out' part of this summer's Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage route. The Pilgrimage this year is from Swansea to Hereford. To find out more about this, and also the 'taster' pilgrimage from Arundel to Guildford, and perhaps even sign up, go to:

[www.thepilgrims.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

**17th April 2022: Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Octave**

**The Lord is Risen!**



It is three years since we have been able to celebrate Easter fully in church, so the sense of Resurrection has an extra joy to it.

Yet it can be hard to see the effects of the Resurrection in our world. The pandemic is still with us. There is a squeeze on finances that affects the poor most of all. There is the war in Ukraine. And we must not forget the other conflicts and injustices in the world which have been eclipsed in our news streams by those things which are closest to home.

It is at this point that we do well to recall the whole Easter story. It happened in a country occupied by an oppressive regime. It happened due to fear, political expediency, vested interests, and weakness. It involved betrayal, abandonment, mob rule incited by people in positions of power distorting the truth, and unjust condemnation. That was the point in history the God chose to reveal himself to us in Jesus. And that was, and is, the way in which God chose to make that revelation.

The Resurrection does not merely negate sin, suffering and death. It transforms it. That is why it is such a powerful message. It does not just talk about and end to these things, it shows us that even these can be used by God. As St Paul says "God works with those who love him, those who have been called in accordance with his purpose, and turns *everything* to their good" (Romans 8:28, my emphasis). When, at the Easter Vigil, the priest inserts the 'grains' into the candle, the prayer refers to Jesus' "holy and glorious wounds". How can the wounds made by nails and spear in a brutal and cruel execution be called holy and glorious? They are just the opposite in themselves, but transformed by Christ and the power of his Resurrection they are indeed holy and glorious.

So while we may, even must, weep at the world's woes (Blessed are those who mourn!), yet still we rejoice, because the crucified and risen Christ is to found in the midst of this.

*O God, who on this day,  
 through your Only Begotten Son,  
 have conquered death  
 and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
 grant, we pray, that we who keep  
 the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
 may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
 rise up in the light of life.*

### Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, and Jean Ryan, Also those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine and Maria Grazia Topa. Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

### Support the people of Ukraine

The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: [cafod.org.uk/Give](http://cafod.org.uk/Give).

To access Reset's website go to: [www.homesforukraine.org.uk](http://www.homesforukraine.org.uk).

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative: [homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](http://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk).

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa).

The collection after the service of the Passion (Good Friday) is for the Holy Places.

The collection over the Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Tony and can be gift-aided in the usual way.



**St George's Day** is on **Monday 25th April** this year, as the 23rd falls within the Easter Octave. As this is one of our patronal feasts, it is incumbent on us to mark it properly! Accordingly we will celebrate **Mass at St George's at 7:30pm**, followed by cheese and wine in the hall. All welcome, even (perhaps especially!) those who normally go to St Theresa's!

### HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

We will be having a parish celebration on Sunday 4th June, the weekend of the extended bank holiday, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday. There will be one parish Mass on Sunday morning, at St Georges, followed by a shared lunch. Save the date, and watch this space for more details!



### Weekly Timetable

<b>Holy Saturday</b> 16th April	<b>9pm The Easter Vigil, St Theresa's</b> <i>Followed by fizz and chocolate!</i>	
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 17th April	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Melita & Charles Muscat RIP All Parishioners
Easter Tuesday 19th April	10am Mass, St George's 11am, St Theresa's	Zambilo Funeral Mass of Sheila Hooper
Easter Wednesday 20th April	<b>No Mass</b>	
Easter Thursday 21st April	10am Mass, St George's	Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Jee Family
Easter Friday 22nd April	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Brigid Hannon, Lilly Nulty & Ada McNaugh RIP
<b>Easter Saturday</b> 23rd April	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 24th April</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners P.A. Xavier RIP

### Easter Bonnet Workshop held on the 22nd of March at St George's



# Invited

2021-2025

Season 2 of **Invited** begins on Easter Monday, 18th April. Videos will be released each Monday, and there will be an opportunity to join an online discussion each Thursday. For more information, and to sign up, go to the Invited website:

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)